

**117.165 Examination of voting equipment by county board -- Approval -- Delivery of election supplies to precinct.**

- (1) Upon completing the preparation of the voting systems, including any voting equipment in operation, in accordance with KRS 117.155, and not later than the Thursday preceding the day of the election, the county clerk shall notify the members of the county board of elections that the voting equipment is ready for use. The board shall thereupon convene at the office of the county clerk, not later than the Friday preceding the day of the election, and examine the voting equipment to determine whether the requirements of KRS 117.155 have been met. The county board of elections shall publish notice, in accordance with KRS 424.130(1)(d), at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the time when the voting equipment is to be examined by the board. If found in proper order, the members of the county board of elections shall endorse their approval in the book in which the county clerk has entered the numbers or the unique designation of the voting equipment opposite the numbers of the precincts. The clerk shall then deliver all of the keys to the voting equipment to the county board of elections who shall give a receipt for the keys which shall contain identification of the keys. Not later than one (1) hour before the time set for the opening of the polls, the board shall deliver all election supplies including the precinct list, tabulation sheets, and the key to the device covering the registering counters and other keys necessary for the operation of the voting equipment in registering votes, to the election officers of the precinct in which the voting equipment is being used, who shall give the board a receipt containing identification of the keys. The master key and all other keys shall remain in the possession of the county board of elections.
- (2) Not later than four (4) business days preceding the date set to conduct in-person absentee voting in accordance with KRS 117.085, the county clerk shall notify the members of the county board of elections that the voting equipment designated for use during in-person absentee voting are ready for use. The board shall thereupon convene at the office of the county clerk, not later than three (3) business days preceding the date set to conduct absentee voting, and examine the voting equipment to determine whether the requirements of KRS 117.155 have been met. The county board of elections shall publish notice, in accordance with KRS 424.130(1)(d), at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the time when the absentee voting equipment is to be examined by the board. If found in proper order, the members of the county board of elections shall endorse their approval in the book in which the county clerk has entered the unique designation or the identification number of the voting equipment designated for use during in-person absentee voting.
- (3) Any candidate, one (1) representative of each political party having candidates to be voted for at the election, and representatives of the news media may be present when the examination of the voting equipment is made by the county board of elections.

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